



## Internship Opportunity

ASI, an archaeological and cultural heritage consulting firm headquartered in Toronto, is offering the following internship opportunity to a graduate student for a 16 week period, starting **May 4, 2015**. The objective of the internship is to engage a highly motivated student to undertake a research project under the aegis of the *Borders in Globalization* initiative (<http://www.biglobalization.org>) and under the supervision of Dr. Ron Williamson and Dr. Rob MacDonald at ASI. *Borders in Globalization* is an international network of academic partners and non-academic organizations with a three-year global policy-research mandate to study all aspects of borders and borderlands. The research is intended to be applicable to both the project deliverable (see below) and the thesis research of the student intern.

### Terms and Qualifications:

#### The successful candidate:

- is currently enrolled in a Canadian university and studying under the supervision of a faculty member in one of the following areas: cultural or historical geography; anthropology/archaeology; or Aboriginal studies;
- Has an interest in applying a multidisciplinary approach to archaeological research and a willingness to conduct research and report writing in a non-academic setting;
- Can demonstrate good organizational and analytical skills, and has an ability to write clearly and concisely, to work well with others, and to work independently;
- Has an understanding of Ontario's pre-contact past;
- Is a self-starter with excellent time-management skills.

**Goals:** The successful intern will research and explore the archaeological and documentary records for expressions of the concepts of boundary and territory in the pre-contact past of the Great Lakes Region, specifically Ontario. While the scope will be refined, the research will examine the following topics:

- First Nations had knowledge of each other's territories as reflected in the payment of tolls to take certain routes, yet there was an obvious lack of hard lines on the ground. In the case of the Wendat, they "guarded" their "boundary-territory" through the use of fortified border villages, for example, Ossossane, Scanonaenrat, Teanaustaye and Contarea, and a fairly sophisticated early alert system involving scouts notifying the villages of groups approaching. People would gather in the heavily fortified villages from outlying settlements in those cases. How did other Nations regulate their territories?
- Populations of the two broad Iroquoian and Algonquian traditions lived side by side for generations in the Great Lakes Region. Were they co-resident in sites across hard boundaries and is there any evidence of Jay Cunningham's blended, non-holistic social entities across the

region. How are ethnic identities symbolized when Wendat style ceramic vessels are employed by their Algonquian neighbours?

- Did individuals and family groups within these systems act largely as social and political independents, emphasizing or underplaying their ethnic similarities and differences according to the specific circumstances of each social (political) encounter?
- What then is the meaning of “boundary” in the distant past of Ontario when comparing neighbouring but somehow socially distinct populations? Boundary will be investigated in the social, political and cultural senses.

**Outcome:** The intern will complete specific tasks agreed upon at the outset of the internship. The research project will culminate in a comprehensive annotative bibliography and a summary document that lays out approaches and initial insights into these and other questions. The intern will present the results of research conducted at a session for interested scholars in the late fall of 2015. This research will contribute to a book chapter published by University of Ottawa Press (2018) as part of the Borders In Globalization initiative. It will also be available to the student for purposes of writing their thesis or dissertation.

**Application Process:**

Applications must be received by **5:00 pm on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015** and should be sent to the attention of Carol Bella ([cbella@asiheritage.ca](mailto:cbella@asiheritage.ca)) with “Borders in Globalization Internship – Territory and Boundary Research” noted in the subject line of electronic submissions. Submissions can be delivered in hard copy or electronically. Hard copy applications should be submitted to the following mailing address:

Attn: Ms. Carol Bella - ASI Borders in Globalization Internship – Territory and Boundary Research  
528 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Prospective applicants must include the following information in their submission:

- Letter of interest outlining their qualifications and experience;
- 500 word summary of approach for developing a research work plan and meeting the goals of the internship;
- Curriculum Vitae; and
- The names and contact information of two academic referees.

**Administration:**

- The successful applicant will be required to meet with an ASI supervisor on a weekly basis to review and discuss work completed to date and resolve any project issues or challenges. Given the scope of deliverables intended to be produced, it is expected that the successful applicant will work 36.25 hours per week.
- It is anticipated that research materials and archival resources managed by ASI will be available for on-site review in ASI’s Toronto head office, provided that advance notice is provided to ASI representatives and in collaboration with the ASI supervisor.
- The successful applicant will receive a financial stipend of \$15,000 for the duration of the internship.

**Background:** ASI was founded in 1980 in response to increasing public awareness of the importance of Ontario's heritage resources, particularly archaeological sites, cultural landscapes, and heritage buildings, and offers the widest array of heritage consulting services in the province, including research, planning, design and development of cultural heritage resources (<http://www.asiheritage.ca>). As one of its core values, ASI is dedicated to disseminating our work in both academic and not academic forums. As such, we are currently working with Borders In Globalization (BIG), an international research network dedicated to the advancement of border management in Canada and worldwide, with the goal of producing publications dealing with the concept of borders in archaeology and cultural heritage (<http://www.biglobalization.org>).